

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: # 63

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SUBJECT(S): Event, BBI Information, Cyber Bits

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1. Upcoming Events:

a. **BRAC Business Initiative-Information Session**

- i. **Date: 13 January, 8 AM to 10 AM**
- ii. **Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2
Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610**
- iii. **Agenda:**
 - **Doing Business with the Corps of Engineers, presented by the Corps' Baltimore District Small Business Office**
 - **Doing Business with Fort Meade Defense Agencies, presented by Elizabeth Rendon, CEO of LingualLISTek, Columbia, MD**
 - **Networking between attendees before and after the presentations**

b. BRAC Business Initiative-In Progress Review (IPR) # 4

- i. Date: 3 February, 8 AM to 10 AM
- ii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2 Columbia, MD 21045-3728

2. Discussion:

a. BRAC Business Initiative Information:

- i. Misinformation: Over the holidays, one newspaper published that our 13 January meeting was for BBI members only. Sorry about that! Here are some facts about BBI:
 - The BBI is one of three major initiatives supported by the Fort Meade. Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC). The other two are Transportation and Emergency Services.
 - The RGMC is supported by and under the guidelines of the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), a Department of Defense organization.
 - All RGMC/BBI events are open to the public and we never charge for attendance. Your tax payer dollars have already footed the bill!
 - The BBI is identifying and documenting the Fort Meade Region contracting environment so that small businesses around the region can base their business strategies on facts, rather than anecdotal information.
 - The BBI staff is available 7 days a week to meet with companies that may need assistance with this subject contracting environment

b. BRAC Business Initiative Update:

Our 20 Test Companies are now working with their Advisory Companies. We would like to congratulate Cyber Core Tech, SAIC, BAH, NSA, DISA and Turner Construction for their contributions during 2009. A special thanks to Open Global Marketing and their CEO Juan Munoz for their help with our BBI database.

3. **Cyber Bits:**

By Ellen Nakashima, Washington Post Staff Writer Sunday, January 3, 2010

"...Officials said the initial operating plan for a cyber command is straightforward: to merge the Pentagon's defensive unit, Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations, with its offensive outfit, the Joint Functional Command Component-Network Warfare, at Fort Meade, home to the NSA. The new command, which would include about 500 staffers, would leverage the NSA's technical capabilities but fall under the Pentagon's Strategic Command..."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/02/AR2010010201903.html>